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FOR NEA/ARN DRAPER

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, PINT, SY, US
SUBJECT: SYRIAN JEWS: ASAD-CARTER MEETING

REF: SOLARZ-CARTER LETTER OF APRIL 13

1. I DO NOT KNOW WHAT DEPARTMENT IS PROPOSING PRESIDENT
SAY TO ASAD ABOUT ISSUE OF SYRIAN JEWS BUT I FEEL STRONGLY
WHITE HOUSE SHOULD HAVE STATUS REPORT ON THE MARRIAGE PROPOSAL
ISSUE. AS I UNDERSTAND STATE OF PLAY, ABOUT TEN DOCUMENTS
CONTAINING SPECIFIC PROPOSALS ARE ONLY NOW BEING FORWARDED
FROM BROOKLYN SUITORS FOR NOTARIZATION BY SYRIAN EMBASSY
WASHINGTON AND THEN BE SENT ON TO SYRIA.

2. SYRIAN READINESS TO PROCESS THESE DOCUMENTS AND ISSUE
VISAS WILL CONSTITUTE THE FIRST REAL TEST CASES OF SARG
WILLINGNESS TO PERMIT SYRIAN JEWISH GIRLS TO LEAVE COUNTRY
IN ORDER TO MARRY ABROAD, AS ASAD REPORTEDLY PROMISED VANCE
DURING THEIR PRIVATE CONVERSATION HERE IN FEBRUARY. I NOTE
THAT SOLARZ' APRIL 13 LETTER TO CARTER SAYS THAT "A NUMBER OF SINGLE
GIRLS WHO REQUESTED PERMISSION FROM THE SYRIANAUTORITIES
TO COME TO OUR COUNTRY HAVE BEEN DENIED THE DOCUMENTS
THAT WOULD ENABLE THEM TO LEAVE." IN THE ABSENCE OF THE
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SPECIFIC PROPOSALS I CONSIDER IT PREMATURE TO BE CASTING
DOUBT ON ASAD'S REPORTED UNDERTAKING TO VANCE.
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